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SUBJECT: ERSKINE TALK WITH KHOURY

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1. AS ADDRESSEES ARE AWARE, ANY PROMISES MADE BY GEN.
KHOURY TO ERSKINE MUST BE TREATED WITH SOME RESERVE. WE
HOPE THAT KHOURY HAD BEEN AUTHORIZED TO SAY THAT ADDITIONAL
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GENDARMES COULD BE SENT TO SOUTH LEBANON, THAT LEBANESE
COULD MEET WITH ISRAELIS UNDER MAC, AND THAT MEETING
BETWEEN HADDAD AND LEBANESE OFFICER COULD TAKE PLACE
UNDER UNIFIL AUSPICES; HOWEVER, SUCH DECISIONS OR PROMISES
IN THE END HAVE TO BE APPROVED BY BOUTROS OR SARKIS.

2. OUR VIEW IS THAT ANY AUTHORIZED CONFIRMATION OF THE

PROMISES BY KHOURY WOULD HAVE TO BE MADE THROUGH CONSULTATIONS WITH BOUTROS. CHARGE' LANE MIGHT ASK BOUTROS AT AN EARLY OPPORTUNITY WHAT THE STATUS OF THESE MATTERS IS. THESE ARE STEPS WHICH WE HAVE BEEN REGULARLY URGING UPON THE LEBANESE, AND THERE IS NO NEED TO DIVULGE THE INFORMATION PROVIDED US IN CONFIDENCE ABOUT THE ERSKINE-KHOURY SESSION.

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